

# McMorgan Picked Dead One—Reward for Sign—Evidence

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## ONE OF YESTERDAY'S THRILLERS.



GESSELLER'S THROW TO CONROY, NAILING PARENT AT THIRD.

## YOUNGSTER IN A. A. WHO WILL COME UP

### Major League Scouts Can Find Everything But Catchers in Association.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

MILWAUKEE, July 23.—The major league scouts who have been doing the small leagues about the country in search of available talent for the big clubs are turning their attention to the American Association, even though they can draft but one player from each club of the A. A. The major league clubs figure that if they can land a young star they can well afford to pay a good price. Green, H. C. of the Athletics, St. Paul, is the only one who has been up and failed to make good; they want the young players who appear like comers.

Of the young players in the association who look good enough at this time for a trial in faster company, the following are mentioned: Pitchers—Yingling, Otis and Baskette of Toledo; Kaler and Packard of Columbus; Decanniere and Richter, Louisville; Hardgrove of Indianapolis; O'Toole and Ryan of St. Paul; Schardt, Cantwell and Cutting of Milwaukee.

First base—Hunter of Kansas City, and Auger, St. Paul. Second base—Downs of Columbus and Hinchman of Toledo. Third base—Butler of Toledo and McCormick of St. Paul.

Shortstop—Murray, St. Paul; Moran and Rattery, Kansas City; Chadbourne, Indianapolis, and Reilly, Columbus. Of the above pitchers, Yingling, Otis, Packard, Decanniere and Cutting are left handers. Yingling gives great promise. Of the young right handers, Kaler and Hardgrove look awful good, also Schardt and O'Toole and Ryan are looked back for the big leagues. Hy Hunter and Robinson of Toledo are right handers and deserve a place in faster company. Tom Dougherty of Milwaukee is another who should have been in major league company the past two years. Minneapolis is relying upon seasoned pitchers, having Flene, Altrock, Patterson and Hughes.

Hunter is a promising first baseman, being a fairly hard hitter, big and lively. He will not doubt go to a big league club, and it will be surprising if St. Louis lands him. St. Louis would have given considerable to have Jimmy Williams back, but Joe Cantillon refused to listen to offers Mr. Hedges made for him. Chicago Clark of Milwaukee and Eider of Toledo are both good third basemen and are easily better than some up in faster company. Altrock, whom Charlie Combs let go to Minneapolis, has been doing all kinds of stunts for the Millers and playing great ball. Lewis is also playing a great game at short for Indianapolis, but like Altrock he has been up before. Clymer and Cravath have been doing much to hold Minneapolis up with their batting, and Newt Randall of Milwaukee has been hitting like a fiend, but all three have been in the majors before. At that they are not far shy of big league caliber.

## National League Games.

### Pirates in Second Place.

PITTSBURGH, July 23.—Pittsburgh's easy defeat of Brooklyn, 14 to 1, in a hard-fought game again yesterday and New York's loss of a game at St. Louis bring last year's champions up from third to second place.

New York, which has been second best for most of the season, now drops a point behind Pittsburgh.

With the bases full in the second inning, Philippe hit for a home run, a trick which Leach turned Wednesday. Errors by McEchic and Wilson gave Brooklyn its one run. The score:

Pittsburg 6 0 1 1 1 0 5 0 4 15 2  
Brooklyn 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 6 3

## Reds Down the Phillies.

CINCINNATI, July 23.—Cincinnati won a hard-fought game here yesterday from Philadelphia with a score of 6 to 4.

Boebe pitched well for seven innings, then went wild. Gaspar, who finished it, held the visitors safe. Moren and Stack were hit hard, but Schettler pitched well. The score:

Cincinnati 0 0 2 0 3 0 1 1 4 6 9 2  
Philadelphia 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 4 6 2

## Giants Beaten Again.

ST. LOUIS, July 23.—St. Louis won another shut-out game from New York yesterday, 4 to 0.

Splendid work by Lush and Corridor, together with fast fielding, gave the Sox and the Highlanders out of the race, but Mack's pitching staff is going so well that Philadelphia should qualify for the big series.

As an aftermath of Buss Raymond's drunk Thursday and his subsequent shiping to New York under the guidance of his keeper, Mr. Fuller, McGraw says that the worry, disorganization and notoriety brought about by Raymond will forever cease, and that this terminates all connection with his club.

## GOLF AT POLAND SPRING.

Hiram Ricker Defeats Howard Holton in Finals, 3 Up and 2.

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POLAND SPRING, Me., July 23.—In the finals of the golf tournament which began Tuesday for the runner-up cup, Hiram Ricker, Jr., of Poland, the holder of the amateur record for the local course, beat Howard C. Holton of Philadelphia by the score of 3 up and 2 to play. Both players were off their game on the first round, and at the ninth hole Ricker was 1 down, due to Holton's accurate approach. Ricker's drives were the best part of his game. On the long hole he drove for 200 yards.

In the qualifying round of Tuesday, George W. Elkins, Jr., S. P. Holton and B. F. Harding were tie for eighth place. Elkins winning out on the play-off Wednesday.

Summary of the scores—Qualifying round—N. A. Pettit, Philadelphia, 83; Garrett A. Hobart, Paterson, N. J., 80; W. S. Harlan, Chicago, 78; H. C. Holton, Philadelphia, 87; Hugh Haisell, Dallas, Tex., 80; H. Runsey, Green, St. Louis, Mo., 80; Hiram Ricker, Jr., Poland, Me., 80; G. W. Elkins, Jr., Elkins Park, Pa., 92.

First round—Match play—N. A. Pettit beat Russell Green, 3 up 2; Hiram Ricker, Jr., beat W. S. Harlan, 1 up; H. C. Holton beat G. W. Elkins, Jr., 7 up; Garrett A. Hobart beat Hugh Haisell, 3 up 2.

Semi-finals—Hiram Ricker, Jr., beat N. A. Pettit, 6 up 5; H. C. Holton beat Garrett A. Hobart, 4 up 3.

Finals—Hiram Ricker, Jr., beat H. C. Holton, 3 up 2.

## WESTERN GOLFERS.

Leading Teams Compete for the Olympic Cup.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 23.—Teams representing the leading golf associations of the west competed today for the Olympic cup over the links of the Minneapolis Club. This event was the curtain raiser for the western amateur championship tournament which will be played over the same course beginning Monday.

The competition for the Olympic cup was over thirty-six holes for teams of four men representing associations, not clubs.

When the play started the Western Golf Association was the overwhelming favorite. The quartet consisted of Charles Evans, Jr., western champion; Robert Gardner, national champion; Albert Seckel, eastern intercollegiate champion, and Paul Hunter, champion of California.

Other associations represented were the Trans-Mississippi, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa.

## ANOTHER PITCHER FOR YANKS.

Rochester Sells Ed Lafitte for Cash and Other Considerations.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 23.—Manager Gangel of the Rochester Eastern League club announced this morning that he had sold Pitcher Ed Lafitte to the New York Americans for cash and other considerations. Lafitte will finish the season with Rochester.

## FRANK GOTCH IS A BASE BALL MAGNATE

HUMBOLDT, Iowa, July 23.—Frank Gotch, champion heavy-weight wrestler of the world, has become a base ball magnate by purchasing the Lake City team, a member of a brush league in this part of the state. The team will be transferred to Humboldt, the wrestler's home, August 1. It has been known for some time that Gotch has wanted to get into base ball, having offered to purchase the Des Moines team, in the Western League.

## American Amateur Boxer Beaten.

LONDON, July 23.—American and English amateur welterweights boxed six rounds last night. Ivan Kahn of Los Angeles and Sol Adler, a London broker, wanted to box fifteen rounds, but the amateur rules forbade. Referee Corri gave the award to Adler. Some keen ringiders criticised his decision, holding that Kahn led in the last four rounds.

## STANDINGS, SCHEDULES AND RESULTS IN BIG BASE BALL LEAGUES.

American League.

Teams.	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Philadelphia	55	26	.679	683 471
New York	50	32	.610	614 602
Boston	51	33	.607	612 600
Detroit	45	41	.523	520 517
Cleveland	35	42	.455	482 440
Washington	34	49	.410	417 405
Chicago	33	49	.402	410 398
St. Louis	24	55	.303	313 300

## National League.

Teams.	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Chicago	51	29	.638	642 631
Pittsburgh	44	34	.564	570 557
New York	43	35	.553	568 556
Cincinnati	43	40	.518	524 512
Philadelphia	38	41	.480	475 473
St. Louis	38	45	.458	494 452
Brooklyn	34	49	.410	417 405
Boston	32	52	.381	388 376

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

American League.	Cleveland	Philadelphia
Chicago 5	1	6
Washington 1	1	6
Chicago 6	1	1
New York 11	8	1
Detroit 8	1	1

## National League.

Pittsburgh	Cincinnati	Philadelphia
14	6	4
Brooklyn 1	1	1
St. Louis 4	1	1
New York 0	1	1

## SCHEDULES.

American League.	TODAY.	TOMORROW.
Chicago at Washington.		
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## MINOR LEAGUE GAMES.

### Virginia State League.

At Indianapolis—Indianapolis, 6; Minneapolis, 0.
At Columbus—Columbus, 9; Kansas City, 0.
At Louisville—St. Paul, 3; Louisville, 4.

### Eastern League.

At Buffalo—Jersey City, 4; Buffalo, 0.
At Jacksonville—Jacksonville, 6; Jacksonville, 1.
At Montreal—Montreal, 1; Baltimore, 2.

### Southern League.

At Birmingham—Birmingham, 6; Memphis, 0.
At Montgomery—Montgomery, 0; Montgomery, 0.
At Jacksonville—Jacksonville, 6; Jacksonville, 1.
At Mobile—Mobile, 2; Mobile, 0.

### Tristate League.

At Williamsport—Lancaster, 3; Williamsport, 1.
At Altoona—Reading, 2; Altoona, 3.
At Harrisburg—York, 0; Harrisburg, 8.
At Johnstown—Johnstown, 2; Trenton, 3.

### South Atlantic League.

At Savannah—Savannah, 3; Augusta, 1.
At Jacksonville—Jacksonville, 6; Jacksonville, 1.
At Columbia—Columbia, 0; Columbia, 3.

### Carolina League.

At Charlotte—Charlotte, 3; Greenville, 4.
At Spartanburg—Spartanburg, 6; Winston-Salem, 1.
At Anderson—Anderson, 4; Greensboro, 3.

### Cotton States League.

At Yasco City—Yasco City, 5; Greenwood, 1.
At Jackson—Jackson, 1; Batesburg, 2.
At Meridian—Meridian, 2; Vicksburg, 2 (twelve innings, darkness).

## OFFERS REWARD TO CATCH SIGN TIPPERS

Ban Johnson Willing to Give \$500 for Evidence Showing Such Practices Are Countenanced.

SAYS HE FAILED TO FIND ANY EVIDENCE

Ed Walsh Never Made Charges, and Head of League Says Highlanders Bat as Well on Road as Home.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 23.—Five hundred dollars reward is offered by the American League for evidence tending to show that any player or club in the league is using or countenancing tipping off signals of an opposing team. Any player involved will be blacklisted from organized base ball for all time to come. This bit of information, in addition to the fact that Jack Sheridan may become manager of umpires in the American League, or given some other exalted position, was handed out by President B. B. Johnson on his return to Chicago from the east yesterday.

"I made a thorough investigation while in the east in regard to the alleged 'tipping bureau' of the New York American club," said President Johnson. "But I could not discover a scintilla of evidence to support the talk that was started some time ago. Neither could I find out that Pitcher Ed Walsh of the Chicago American League club had ever said he believed there was such a system of signals employed."

"There is no one more concerned about it than myself, and I will pay \$500 to any man who produces proof that any improper signals were used. The fact of the matter is, the New York players have been batting just as strongly when away from home as on their own grounds and this in itself should disprove the charge."

## SPORTING COMMENT.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

After investigating the rumors that the New York club was again operating a signal tipping bureau on its grounds, Ban Johnson offers a reward of \$500 to any one who will furnish evidence that such practices are countenanced by any club in his league.

There have been doubts in the minds of those familiar with the expose of the bureau of the New York grounds last season, as to the value of the rumors that the signs were again being tipped off this year. The warning was sounded at the last meeting of the American League in New York. The club was caught red-handed, and could not offer even a good alibi, but the league did not want to have any further notoriety about it, so dropped the matter. The league's action was not unexpected, and it was not supposed that there was a lack of evidence on that occasion.

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